

Message

From: Risley, David [Risley.David@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/24/2020 1:52:51 PM
To: Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]
CC: McDonough, Owen [mcdonough.owen@epa.gov]; Kramer, Jessica L. [kramer.jessical@epa.gov]; Aguirre, Janita [Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Thank you!

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On Nov 24, 2020, at 8:47 AM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

Looks good. Thx.

From: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Aguirre, Janita <Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov>
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Zachary Sampson <zsampson@tampabay.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Hello,

I'm the environmental reporter at the Tampa Bay Times working on a story about public comments submitted for Florida's proposal to assume 404 permitting duties. I'm on deadline and am looking for a response by tomorrow (11/24) at noon.

Of the 446 comments available online earlier this month that I was able to review, at least 394 were opposed to the state taking over the programming. Among the criticisms were that the state environmental agency is beholden to developers and political influence, has seen staffing reductions including vacant positions and has not provided a clear breakdown of the exact waters it will seek to oversee.

I'm hoping for comment from EPA on the thrust of these comments. How will the agency consider these comments in its decision? What weight are they given? Additionally, when does it plan to make its decision? Is it possible the EPA could extend the current timeline, including leaving the decision to a future administration?

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Thanks,

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